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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of communiqué No. 31, dated 31 January 1991, which was issued by the Iraq Military Command, and requests that the text of this note and its annex be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Annex

Statement dated 31 January 1991 by the Iraqi Military Command

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate,

"Victory comes from God alone; our victory is nigh."

O great Iraqi people,

O Saudi people,

O people of the Nejd and the noble Hijaz,

Men of the land, wherever you may be,

We did not wish for this conflict, we swear to God, but Fahd the traitor, the American agent, wished it, and he made the Holy Places and the site of the revelation into a theatre of operations for the infidel despots. He has profaned the Holy Places, he has profaned the land and those who live on it and he has committed his perfidious crime, he and God's enemy, Bush, and both of them daily carry out aerial bombings to attack the faithful and steadfast people of Iraq. They kill not only the valiant and conscientious sons of Iraq but women and children as well. The aggressors have been amazed by the number of their own aircraft. They have so persisted in their crime that they have become drunk with perfidy and murder, and their madness has reached the same level as their aircraft. Their aggression has become obvious and their crime abominable in the eyes of all Muslims and the world, and we have had to call upon the faithful in order to face the most refined technologies. O Iraqis, your valiant ground forces have finally advanced. O Arabs, O Muslims, who believe in the truth, your valiant ground forces have advanced to teach the aggressors a lesson. Your forces have launched a stunning ground attack, glorifying God's name, and the infidel armies have been crushed. Your forces have advanced, provoking general flight amongst the enemy. God has put his curse on sin and the infidels, and our units have penetrated 20 kilometres into the territory of the Kingdom where the enemy dwells, into the iniquitous Saudi Kingdom: our forces have succeeded in penetrating the coastal town of Khafji during this night. By causing the infidel front to crumble on the land He has blessed, God has given the faithful a great victory so that they may continue to defend His faith and sing His praises.

O people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, people of the Nejd and of the Hijaz, we have no designs on your land. We are your brothers and you are ours. We form a single army against the infidels, against crime and corruption, against the troops of Fahd and Bush and their treacherous agents. You must not view our arrival as an occupation. It is the fight against the infidel armies and against the aggression they have perpetrated from your land that has brought us to you.

The real nature of the enemy and of the aggression will not cause us to forget that we are your brothers and that you are ours. This relationship is permanent and transcends any ambition or gain. It will continue to transcend the material possessions of this life and all the ambitions to which the weak in intellect or spirit aspire. We are motivated by the same causes that inspire you: the desire to please the divine will, the right to self-defence and the noble principles which are shared by all Muslims, all believers and all noble Arabs, whom you are. Allah is great, Allah is great, He shall cast out the impure.